

REQUEST FOR OFFER | SAFER STREETS

Since taking office, the Berke Administration has been relentlessly focused on reducing violence in Chattanooga. To combat crime, the city will combine innovative, immediate responses to crime with long term strategies to prevent crime before it happens. In addition, the City will make decisions based on the most accurate and recent data. A safe city requires neighborhoods that are well maintained and not plagued by blight and over growth, provide economic opportunity for all citizens, and public spaces and roads that are designed to be safely used for people of all abilities. Our operational resources, like police, fire and 911 services also work together seamlessly to respond to emergencies.

Desired Outcomes:

- Reduce shootings
- Reduce fire risk
- Increase the sense of safety in the City
- Reduce violent crimes
- Increase trust between law enforcement and citizens
- Reduce incidents of domestic violence
- Reduce juvenile crime

Overall budget proposals are encouraged to include:

- Clear & measurable goals
- Multi-agency and/or multi-department collaboration
- Mechanisms for citizen involvement & feedback
- Sustainable practices
- Research/Evidence based best practices

Budget Strategies:

- Apply the principles of the National Network of Safe Communities to reduce shootings by targeting individuals engaging in group violence, notifying them of a more meaningful response to violent behavior, and then offering social services including job and life skills training, transitional housing, drug and alcohol rehab and others.
- Provide coordinated services to respond to emergencies as quickly as possible.
- Maintain safe and secure streets, facilities, and public spaces for all citizens.
- Provide community outreach to at-risk constituencies including but not limited to individuals with a criminal history, homeless Chattanoogaans, and juvenile offenders. Strategies must be evidence based best practices supported by empirical data.
- Tailor community outreach and support to victims of crime.

- Enforce current alcohol and drug laws while providing support through community partnerships to Chattanoogaans struggling with addiction.
- Effective code enforcement to reduce risk of fires.
- Provide effective re-entry services including job placement, financial counseling, drug treatment, license reinstatement, and housing assistance.
- Effectively target prevention and education efforts on repeat offenders.
- Demolish and secure abandoned properties.
- Establish strong partnerships between service providers and law enforcement to identify and treat individuals with mental health issues.
- Create a family justice center to provide co-located services to victims of domestic violence.